



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Darius Christian was sentenced to 148 months imprisonment by the Honorable Laurie Smith-Camp, United States District Judge, following his conviction for Distribution of more than 5 grams of Crack Cocaine. Christian was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration and pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On December 27, 28, 31, 2007 and again on January 7, 2008, law enforcement officers utilized a cooperating witness to make controlled purchases of crack cocaine from Darius Christian. The purchases were for 5.9 grams, 25.9 grams, 10.4 grams, and 3.3 grams respectively. All transactions occurred in the Omaha area.

In a latter investigation that occurred on January 22, 2008, the cooperating witness met with a different suspect for the purpose of purchasing an ounce of crack. The suspect was followed by officers to an area where he met with Christian who supplied the suspect with an ounce of crack. The suspect then returned and delivered the ounce of crack to the cooperating witness.

Name of Defendant: Darius Christian

AKA: D-Rat

AGE: 40

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Distribution of more than 5 grams of Crack Cocaine, 5-40 years imprisonment, \$2,000,000 fine, 4 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Approximately 72 grams of Crack Cocaine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: December 1, 2007, through January 22, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: January 27, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: January 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: January 28, 2009

Plea Date(s): July 9, 2009

Sentencing Date: September 28, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: In custody since Federal arrest.

In Continuous Custody Since: January 27, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

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